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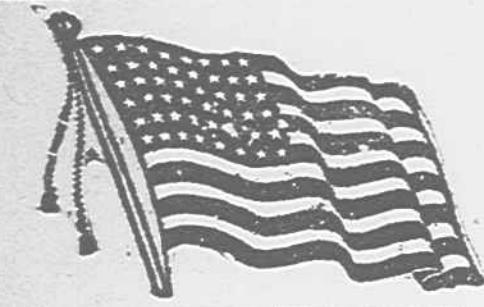
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## HELP THE ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

IN the news item announcing that the Associated Charities is planning to make an effort to raise funds which are badly needed for carrying on the work of the organization mention was made of the fact that this effort would have been undertaken earlier but had been postponed to give the Red Cross campaign the right of way.

Inasmuch as it was possible to take care of the local distress very well for the time being while the necessity for immediate action in the Red Cross matter was great, this was the right thing to do, but the townspeople should make it a matter of civic pride to see to it that the purely local organization with its purely local problem is not made to suffer financially through its patriotic renunciation.

The hard winter has brought a lot of suffering to the unfortunate of Fairmont. These are our own poor and it is our duty to see that they are taken care of. It is to be hoped, therefore, that those who will be appealed to for assistance will find it possible to make some response, even though they have gone practically to the limit in supporting the various movements and funds which the war has made necessary.

## KEEP UP THE SAFEGUARDS.

ONE of the most expensive ways to economize on public work is to cut down in the supervision and inspection. As a general proposition for every dollar that is saved on the payroll account ten dollars are lost to the taxpayers through waste, indifference and neglect. From the standpoint of the public this is just as bad as downright theft.

We are moved to make these brief remarks by the report current about the court house just now that district road engineers and their assistants are to be dropped in the interest of economy. If any road work is to be done this year the County court should see to it that there is not the slightest relaxation of supervision.

Moreover it should be remembered that an honest practical man cannot take the place of an engineer trained for the work. Under the impulse of high prices and low labor supply even the most honest contractors will be tempted to adopt short cuts and to employ substitutes. Only the men who know his job will be able to guard against that.

## THE FOURTEEN PEACE TERMS.

AS a result of President Wilson's unheralded and almost dramatically sudden appearance in Congress yesterday we now have what the Bolsheviks of Petrograd and New York, the sincere and the bogus pacifists, the pro-Germans and the anti-Americans have so long been clamoring for—a specific, itemized, definitive statement of American war aims.

What effect they will have upon the Teutonic and the Turkish people this newspaper does not pretend to know, but it is our opinion that the statement will not make the desire for peace at Potsdam or at Sofia any greater than it has been. There is absolutely no opportunity to deal from the bottom of the deck in a peace made on the terms the chief executive of this Republic lays down. Ninety per cent of the professional soldiers and all the professional diplomats of continental Europe would be out of jobs six months and a treaty made upon such terms becomes operative.

We have been hearing during the past year a great deal about the peace offensive of the Central powers. The newspapers that talk most about this seem to be of the

opinion that the masters of the Teutonic peoples were getting the better of the Entente Allies in the clash of moral values. Well, the German peace offensive will go to smash against this latest pronouncement of the position of the peoples fighting the fight for democracy. They can take the fourteen considerations set forth by Mr. Wilson, or they can leave them. There is not the slightest doubt about that posterity will think about it.

As we said the other day, there may be doubts in men's minds regarding responsibility for starting the war, but there can be no doubt who will have to shoulder the responsibility for carrying it on beyond this point. Any honest civilized nation ought to be willing, even eager, to make peace on Mr. Wilson's terms, even though they do include a provision for reparation for the seizure of Alsace-Lorraine.

## UNWISE MOVE.

ABOUT the worst thing that could happen to the railroads as far as the interests of the people who own and control them are concerned is a fight in either branch of Congress over the question of the time when the roads shall be restored to the control of their owners. Yet there are many signs that such a controversy will develop in the Senate before the week ends.

How do the people who own stock in the railroads know that they want the government to turn them back at the end of the war, or at a time to be specified now after the war is over? The chances are that when the time comes they will not want any such thing to happen, but if they insist upon action to that effect right now they will have to take them whether they want them or not when the time comes. The wisest thing that could be done is to get President Wilson's pledge that the roads are eventually to go back to private ownership, unimpaired physically and in credit, endorsed in some way by the law making branch of the government and then trust to the fair mindedness of the American people to see that the pledge is carried out at a time and in a way which will serve the best interests of both the owners of the roads and the public.

If they go beyond that; if they insist now upon a limitation of the period during which the government is to have control, they are quite likely to precipitate a struggle over the broad question of perpetual public control. This is no time for a controversy of that sort and if the railroad people are wise they will realize that the public is in no mood to side with them if the issue does get squarely before the country.

In Washington yesterday there was some difference of opinion as to whether the President's speech was a peace or a war deliverance. There will be no doubts in Berlin. Over there they will recognize the subject matter as what in diplomacy is called an irreducible minimum and the only hesitancy will be over whether to take the medicine now or wait and so down in the general Teutonic crash which is bound to occur soon or late if the war is prolonged.

The much advertised German offensive continues to be discussed not only in the newspapers but in official reports, as witness this week's bulletin by Secretary of War Baker and the report on the year's operations by Field Marshal Haig, the British commander in chief. Why the Germans announced this impending move when every previous operation of a major nature since the war began was to all intents and purposes a complete surprise is problematical, but the matter has got to the point where they must do something or the world will believe that they have received another important check. And if they do attack and fail their own people may react in a serious way. The German rulers are in anything but a pleasant position any way you take it.

Dr. Garfield's plan for voluntary reduction of coal consumption in the industries is all right—if it works. And it is going to take a great deal of tact and firmness to make it work. However, there is one thing in its favor, and that is that the public understands better the necessity and importance of cooperation in such matters now than it did a couple of months back.

Much noise is being made about the war work that is not being done, but little is being said about what is being done. That is the American way and we cannot help feeling that it is the best way after all in an undertaking of this grave character. Yesterday speaking about something else in St. Louis Chairman Padgett, of the House Naval committee, said that within a year the United States would have a fleet of submarines as good as that of Germany or better.

## SHORT AND SNAPPY

All those fancy ink wells, blotter holders and penstands that your women friends gave you Christmas may litter up your desk now, but it will be safe to chuck them in a week or two.—Clarksburg Exponent.

Railroad train schedules show almost as many fractures as some New Year resolutions.—Connellsville Courier.

And yesterday the righteous as well as the wicked "stood in slippery places."—Wheeling Intelligence.

The German language seems to be losing ground everywhere except in the lower regions, where by this time it should prevail.—Parkersburg News.

Does the introduction of the bill in Congress to create a new cabinet officer to be known as Secretary of Munitions indicate that a lone "Deserving Democrat" has been discovered who has not yet been provided with a soft snap?—Connellsville Courier.

The same persons who kicked about the zero weather will say mean things about the sloppy weather.—Uniontown Evening News.

## RUFF STUFF

Another vacancy on the police force not going to be filled until spring.

In the mean time how about putting the cops who stick on a piece work basis?

So much per for traffic arrests, little higher prize for a bootlegger and something worth while for running in one of the gamblers that take money away from honest men who help to keep the wheels going round.

That ought to make a job on the force worth while and at the same time help to make the town spottier.

But Hizonner would have to agree to stand by the cops.

That being so the scheme's off.

Glad to hear that the B. & O. has got a copy of the river bridge plans so that they can have them handy when they get ready to design that new station.

Anything which indicates that the

old B. & O. is keeping that station project alive is important.

Some day they may build it while we are not looking.

Just like Woody makes speeches to Congress.

He's getting so darned sudden in his actions that the boys in Congress will have to stay on the job or they will miss one of the big shows some of these days.

Must be terribly annoying for a congressman to be pinned down that way.

Doc Garfield says there are no non-essential industries.

But we observe that the largest "voluntary" agreement to save coal comes from the breweries.

Wets kinda beat the dries to it on this fuel score.

If the dries had been quick witted enough to put up the right kind of a howl about brewery coal a while back when the shortage was acute they may have done something about

it.

## What People Say and Some Side Remarks

Senator W. S. Meredith was trying to recall just how many years he had been a director of the Peoples Bank and the Farmers' bank which preceded it. He must have been in that capacity for 30 or 35 years with a brief respite at one time. This led to the often heard observation that "time flies." Senator Meredith put it: "I don't believe they have twelve months in a year any more."

Senator Meredith and Harry E. Engle were making a tour of Winfield district on some war work recently and came to a church which had a fish on top as a weather vane. Mr. Engle, who is an amateur comedian, remarked that it was strange to see a fish in midair and decorating a church, which called forth this remark from Senator Meredith: "It must be a Baptist church."

## OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO)



## MANNINGTON

Ill of Tuberculosis.  
Mrs. Jay Gooch, of Bingham, has been quite ill of tuberculosis for the past few weeks. Her husband, Jay Gooch, carries the mail on rural route No. 6 out of this city.

Mr. Matthews Ill.  
M. J. Matthews has been quite ill at his home in Locust street for some time past.

Ill at Rymer.  
Master Leo Spencer has been confined to his home at Rymer for the past week with a severe attack of indigestion.

Recovering from Illness.  
Summers Haugh who has been confined to his home in Homewood for the past six weeks suffering from arthritic rheumatism, has so far recovered as to be up and about. He was out for the first time Monday.

700 Red Cross Memberships.  
The Red Cross Xmas membership drive resulted in 708 new members being taken in, which at the end of the previous membership, brings the total to 1000 members in Mannington. During the last month the local chapter has forwarded the following knitted garments to headquarters at Washington, D. C.: 65 sweaters, 15 pairs of socks, 50 pairs of wristlets, 50 scarfs, 15 helmets and in addition made a donation of 15 pairs of socks to Chaplain Park for the boys on the battleship Arkansas. Miss Lucy Pritchard who had charge of the membership drive has submitted the following statement of receipts: \$708; \$34; senior memberships, \$708; junior, \$34; surplus buttons, etc., \$6.45; total \$777.70.

Death of Mrs. Snyder.  
Mrs. Mary Virginia Snyder, daughter of the late F. S. Snodgrass died at the family home at Princeton, aged 52 years. Her husband, J. D. Snodgrass, preceded her. She is survived by eight children, two sisters and one brother. Mrs. W. R. Martin of this city is a sister of the deceased. Funeral services were held at Princeton at one o'clock today with interment at Rymer. Undertaker F. H. Huey of Loganport having charge.

Letter from Soldier.  
Camp Meade, Md., Jan. 5th. Mannington Red Cross Chapter 21, Mannington, W. Va. I received the comfort kit in good condition, and wish to thank you for it. Any soldier could not help but appreciate such a dainty kit with its useful contents arranged in such a convenient way. I have shown it to the fellows who bunk with me, and they have been unanimous in their praise of such an active and public spirited Red Cross Chapter.

The second day I was in Camp I received as did all recruits who came in when I did, a sweater from the Red Cross here. The boys were very glad to get them. The Red Cross is doing a wonderful work and is appreciated very much by the boys in camp. With best wishes for the success of the organization in general and the Mannington Chapter in particular, I am yours gratefully, J. F. Anderson, Recruiting Detachment, 2nd Engineers, U. S. A.

Returns to Camp Lee.  
Lawrence Wilson returned last evening to Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., after spending a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wilson.

Enlists in Signal Corps.  
Ray McGee will leave this evening for Washington, D. C., where he will enlist in the U. S. Army Signal Corps.

Improving from Pneumonia.  
Master Robert Blaggett is very much improved after a severe attack of pneumonia.

Enlists in Cincinnati.  
Dale Hamilton has gone to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he expects to enlist in the U. S. Army Aviation Corps.

Hotel Arrivals.  
Bartlett: O. E. Bethel, Wheeling; W. R. Heinz, Pittsburgh; Thos. Schley, Cleveland, O.; N. H. Reardon, Jacksonville; W. D. Barrick, Charleston; L. W. Campbell, Clarksburg; H. A. Jackner, Dayton, O.; Geo. Freed-

man, Cleveland, O.; W. W. Schultz, Pittsburgh; E. F. Daubenspeck, Parkersburg; G. L. Mason, Moundsville; Wm. F. Weir, Wheeling; J. B. Hutchinson, Cameron; G. C. Casley, Geo. J. Keith, Clarksburg; Ed. Beall, Kane, Pa.; Thos. Swan, W. B. Jakeway, Nick Ventray, Morgantown.

PERSONALS.  
Dr. F. E. Flowers made a professional visit to Rymer Monday.

Fred W. Bartlett has returned from a business visit in Berkeley Springs. Guy Hawker and Clarence Shaw, of Grantsville, were visitors in the city yesterday.

William Smith, (Silver Dollar Bill) has returned from Ford City, Pa., where he has been employed for some time.

Frank E. Furbee and Harry J. Hays have returned from a business visit in Fairmont.

Edwin Snodgrass has returned from Dayton, Ohio, where he had gone to enlist as a ground mechanic in the Aviation Service, there being no opening for him upon his arrival there. He will await orders from the Government to report later.

Norval Shock has returned from Brownsville, Pa., where he had been employed for the past month.

S. E. Tazant and Attorney L. S. Schwenck were business visitors in Fairmont Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hughes have returned from a visit with relatives in Glover Gap.

George Keith, of Clarksburg, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Mrs. John E. Forney left for Wheeling last evening where she will join her husband who is employed in that city.

Nesdames R. H. Stewart and Virginia Jones have returned from a visit with friends at Glover Gap.

Mrs. William Killea, of Seattle, Wash., is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Shimp.

Mrs. Frances Furbee has returned to Weston where she is teaching after visiting her parents in Center street.

Miss Priscilla Alden has returned after spending the holidays at her home in Boston, Mass.

Mrs. George Ward and children have returned to their home in Weston after a visit with the former's sister, Mrs. Oscar Hayes.

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## DR. GARFIELD IS DOING OUT COAL FOR INDUSTRIES

All not Engaged in War Work Will Have to Cut Down.

## MUST SAVE LARGE AMOUNT

Plan Adopted Will Keep All the Factories at Work.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—A "coal budget plan" based on the voluntary agreements of manufacturers not engaged in war work to reduce their fuel consumption and backed by orders of the fuel administration making the agreements applicable to all factories of each industry, was announced late yesterday by the fuel administration as its method for adjusting demand to supply in 1918.

Reduction in consumption of possibly 50,000,000 tons of coal for the year is contemplated. The army and navy, munitions works, other war material factories, public utilities and domestic consumers will be the only classes of consumers to receive 100 percent of their needs while the war continues.

Manufacturers already have been called into conference to put the plan into operation, and annual savings promised by the first group will be between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 tons. In 1917 the increased demand for coal amounted to 100,000,000 tons, while the increase in output was about 45,000,000 tons. Under the same conditions this year the unfilled tonnage would be taken care of by the reduction in factories not contributing directly to the prosecution of the war.

Curtailment of fuel consumption necessarily implies reduction of output by the factories, so the fuel administration sees in its program aid in the diversion of labor and materials to war work. The "budget" by agreement is adopted in lieu of the often proposed arbitrary classification of industries into essential and non-essential divisions.

"It is believed," the fuel administration's announcement says, "that the adoption of this plan will forever lay the ghost of the agitation to 'cut off non-essential industries' and will automatically balance the relations between the production and consumption of coal and prevent any repetition of the present shortage."

One of the strictest measures in which curtailment already has been

effected is in the brewing industry. Representatives of American Brewers' Association and others affiliated with the making of beer, volunteered a reduction of 700,000 tons of coal annually. Other industries which have been represented in conference with the fuel administration have been paint and varnish, wall paper, confectionery, artificial ice, boxboard and glassware. The voluntary reduction of one day's running each week by the box board manufacturers will amount to 1,000,000 tons a year and will take 30,000 carloads of merchandise freight off the congested railroads.

The fuel administration has asked that other industries get in touch with Washington without waiting for formal invitation. There are more than 100 industries not engaged in war work which must curtail their use of fuel because of conflict with the nation's war needs.

"These industries, sometimes mis-called 'non-essential' industries," says the announcement, "are the backbone of the country's economic system. They employ the vast majority of workers and must come the taxes and bonds, which all pay for the war. These industries have never objected to any curtailment of coal or material or men, which could be shown to be necessary to win the war. It was the indefinite threat of a curtailment by restrictive orders which during the last two or three months that has alarmed the leaders of business and finance."

Committees representing various groups of industries will be shown by the administration the amount of coal available for all purposes, the amount required for war purposes and domestic consumers, and the total curtailment which must be affected to supply these demands. They will be asked on patriotic grounds as well as for their own future interest to volunteer a reduction in consumption, and to devise the best method of curtailment so as to affect only the less essential portions of their own business.

All arrangements will be made by the manufacturers themselves, but when an agreement has been reached the fuel administration will issue formal orders, carrying all the penalties provided by the food control law, making the agreement applicable to the entire industry.

Percentages of curtailment probably will vary in different industries, but will be estimated in every case with a view to a practicable economically safe shrinkage of output. In proportion as an industry contributes less of domestic necessities to the war, it will naturally increase its "contribution" of self-interest. Elasticity of the plan is regarded by the fuel administration as one of its chief assets. The curtailment of coal consumption when completed will equalize theoretically the coal demand of the country with the supply of 1918. If later it develops that there still is a prospect of scarcity a slight increase in the voluntary curtailment can be arranged quickly and without confusion. The plan was summarized by the fuel administration as follows:

"The new plan hinges up all the industries of the country to the fuel budget and gives them all the freedom, the fullest liberty of action, excepting liberty to use coal needed for war purposes."

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